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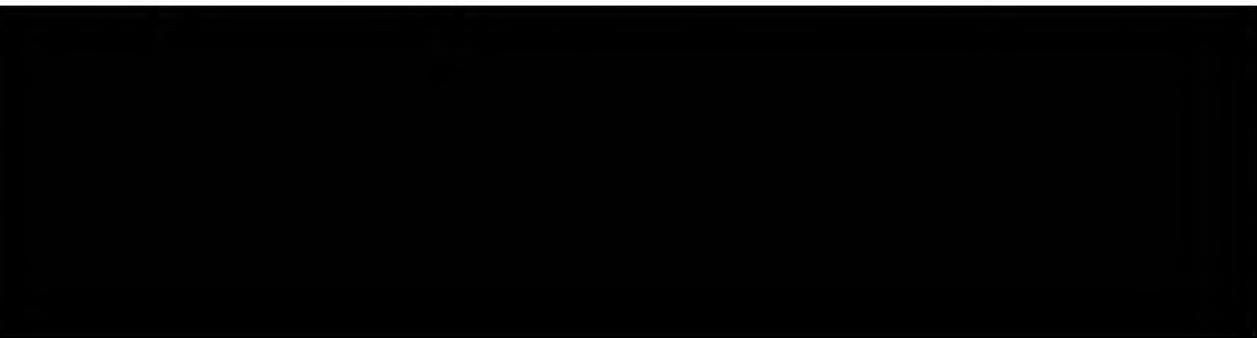
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The possibility that former Prime Minister Ahmad Qavam may succeed Hoseyn Ala as Prime Minister of Iran is supported by the following evidence:

- a. Qavam has stronger support in the Majlis than the other leading candidate, Seyyed Zia Tabatabai.\*
- b. The Anglo-Iranian Oil Company favors Qavam's candidacy.\*\*
- c. The Shah has authorized Bahram Shahrokh, Director of Propaganda Administration, to attempt to reach an agreement with Qavam whereby the latter may become Prime Minister.

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\* [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] the National Front will accept Tabatabai if a minimum of one National Front member is included in the new Cabinet.

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\*\* [REDACTED] Comment. This has been confirmed by officials of the AIOC.

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